



*"where the river flows everything will live"*

WEEKLY BRIEFING 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

## SERVICES THIS SUNDAY

### Advent Sunday

**St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham**  
Holy Communion 9.00am

**St Luke's, Tutshill**  
Holy Communion 11.00am with Splash Children's Provision

**St Michael & All Angels' Church, Tidenham Chase**  
Advent Service with Carols 4.00pm

**St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels**  
Family communion 9.30am

**St Mary Magdalene, Hewelsfield & Brockweir**  
Advent Sunday Worship following Nativity Exhibition 4.00pm

**Bible Readings: Romans 13:11-end and Matthew 24:36-44**

**The Collect:** Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Post Communion Prayer:** O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES IN OUR PARISH

#### Monday

9.30am Morning Prayer, St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

#### Tuesday

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary's Priory, Chepstow (Churches Together)

5.00pm Evening Prayer, Sedbury Space

#### Wednesday

10.30am Holy Communion, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels, returns fortnightly from 7<sup>th</sup> December

12.00am Healing Communion, St Luke's, Tutshill

## Thursday

9.00am Morning Prayer, St Mary the Virgin, St Briavels

See [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk) or [www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkRjOlVDBT9M9usfhp2722w)

*There are more cases of Covid at the moment, so if you feel more comfortable wearing a mask during services, please feel free to do so – we will support you and respect your choices.*

**LIFE GROUP MEETINGS WEEKLY:** Please contact your group leaders, if you would like to join us.

### Sunday

7.30pm Life Group for Men! Online - James Parsons [jamesdparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:jamesdparsons727@gmail.com)

### Monday

2.00-3.30pm Bible Study at Sedbury Space - Revd Nicki [nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nicki1002@hotmail.co.uk)

7.30-9.00pm - From the Bible to the Reformation at St Luke's – Revd Canon Tudor. Contact [tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com](mailto:tudor.griffiths1@gmail.com) – **28<sup>th</sup> November & 5<sup>th</sup> December, then breaking until January**

### Tuesday

1.00pm with Julia Parsons [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com) – **no groups on 27<sup>th</sup> December & 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

### Wednesday

10.15-11.45am Food for Thought Life Group at Café on the Hill – feel free to come along and join us.

7.30pm with Fiona on 01291 624868 or Wendy [wendy.moppett@btinternet.com](mailto:wendy.moppett@btinternet.com)

7.45-9.00pm fortnightly @ John & Esther Woolcock's. Contact Esther on [essywoolcock@gmail.com](mailto:essywoolcock@gmail.com).

### Thursday

1.30pm Studying the Psalms with Tanya White at Rockymead - [tanya.rockymead@gmail.com](mailto:tanya.rockymead@gmail.com)

## PARISH NEWS & INFORMATION

### LOTS OF WONDERFUL DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES!

Advent Carols, Wreath & Candles 4.00pm on 27<sup>th</sup> November St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase  
An Evening of Music, Readings and Carols to open the Christmas Tree Festival 7.00pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham, followed by Open Church to see the trees 19<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> December (not 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup>)

An Afternoon of Festive Music & Song with Chepstow U3A Recorder group and Chepstow Chatelaines -  
Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 3.00pm at St Luke's Tutshill with mulled wine and light refreshments.

Free entry with retiring collection for Church funds and Chepstow Foodbank.

Family Nativity Service 11.00am on 18<sup>th</sup> December, St Luke's Tutshill

Nine Lessons & Carols 3.00pm on 18<sup>th</sup> December, St Mary & St Peter's Tidenham

Christmas Crib Service 4.00pm on Christmas Eve, St Luke's Tutshill

'Midnight' Mass 9.00pm on Christmas Eve, St Luke's, Tutshill

Midnight Mass 11.15pm on Christmas Eve St Mary & St Peter's, Tidenham

BCP Holy Communion 9.00am on Christmas Day, St Michael & All Angels, Tidenham Chase

Christmas Worship 10.00am on Christmas Day, St Luke's Tutshill

Simple Communion with Carols 10.30am on New Year's Day, St Luke's Tutshill

Epiphany Carols 4.00pm on 8<sup>th</sup> January St Michael & All Angels', Tidenham Chase

Christingle Service 11.00am on 29<sup>th</sup> January, St Luke's Tutshill

**Christingle Services in December** - Please pray for the 5 Christingle Services taking place during December – thank you to Tesco for donating 150 oranges. If anyone can help on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> and/or Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> to make Christingle oranges, please contact [emmad.cyfm@gmail.com](mailto:emmad.cyfm@gmail.com) or 07369 226546.

**Friends of St Mary & St Peter's AGM** - 7.00pm at Tidenham church.

**St Luke's Tutshill - Warm Spaces this Winter.** We are considering opening St Luke's church from 9.00am – 4.00pm every Monday during the winter months to help people stay warm in a communal setting, possibly

offering tea / coffee. If you are willing and able to be there for a few hours, even if only for some Mondays this winter, can you please contact Nicholette Flatman to discuss.

**FAIRTRADE** - Julia now has some Traidcraft catalogues - you can also see the full range of gifts and edibles online at [www.traidcraftshop.co.uk](http://www.traidcraftshop.co.uk) and to save postage, ask Julia to order at [juliaparsons727@gmail.com](mailto:juliaparsons727@gmail.com)

There will also be a stall of Fairtrade gifts and treats at the **Parish Coffee Morning on Monday 28th November**. Cash or cheques only please. This is an opportunity to buy fair for Christmas. Fairtrade Chocolate advent calendars still available, order yours from Julia or Cate before it is too late!

**FOODBANK** - This December, our Chepstow Foodbank is **10 YEARS OLD**, serving the needs of those struggling for whatever reason. Thank God for the faithful work of our volunteers and for the generosity of our community and keep in mind those that have need of us . We will be holding a '**10 Year Celebration Service**' on **Sunday 4th December at 6.00pm, at Chepstow Methodist Church** to which ALL are welcome.

Talking of **December**.... it's not that long away!..... our next **Tesco Collection** takes place **1st-3rd December 10.00am-2.00pm**. If you can give just ONE hour, helping to receive donations, mark up tins ready for delivery to the distribution centres and 'chatting' to people, please contact Sarah at [info@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk) or Hilary at [news@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:news@chepstow.foodbank.org.uk)

Also, for information, the Christmas Opening Times for our Distribution Centres are:

Wednesday 21st December - Bridge Church Centre is OPEN

Friday 23rd December - Baptist Church Centre is OPEN

Wednesday 28th December - Bridge Church Centre is CLOSED

Friday 30th December - Baptist Church Centre is CLOSED

Wednesday 4th/Friday 6th January - both Centres OPEN as usual.

**Tutshill Baby & Toddler Group** – Tuesdays 9.15-10.45am at St Luke's, Tutshill. TERM TIME ONLY. Emma Durbin 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1130508917404741>

**Sedbury Stay & Play for pre-school families** - Wednesdays 9.15-10.30am at Sedbury Village Hall. TERM TIME ONLY. Emma 07369 226546 or <https://www.facebook.com/SedStayandPlay>

**Pilates** – Tuesdays 2.00-2.45pm, St Luke's Church, Tutshill; this is part of our Wellbeing initiative to promote gentle physical activity to support your spiritual health. Contact Loreto on 07883 401475 / [loreespinosaa@icloud.com](mailto:loreespinosaa@icloud.com). Please bring your own mat, if possible, but not essential!

**What's On at Sedbury Space** - check at <https://www.sedburyspace.org.uk>

One Stop Café - Tuesdays 10.00-12.00am - come for a cuppa and a chat at Sedbury & Beachley Village Hall

Memory Café - First Wednesday of each month 2.00-3.30pm

Chaplaincy Chatroom - Thursdays 1.30-3.30pm



**Christmas Theme & Launch of Prayer Hands Banner Project  
at St Luke's Coffee morning  
28th November 2022, 10.00-12.00am in St Luke's Church  
With Fairtrade gifts and treat stall  
(No coffee morning at end of December)  
The next date will be Monday 30th January 2023**



**Baptism & Confirmation** – would you like to be baptised or confirmed? Or do you just want to know more about the Christian faith? Please speak to Revd David or one of the team – come and explore Life & Faith.

**Bereavement Support Group** – feeling lost or weighed down? Contact Revd Nicki 07936 787409 for a chat.

**Financial Support** - can you give to God's church? A big thank you to all of you who do! Bank Account Giving is - Tidenham Parochial Church, Sort Code 30-91-89 Account Number 00304754, via our website <https://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk/giving/> or the card reader in St Luke's Tutshill.

## **TIDENHAM PARISH ONLINE LINKS & CONTACTS**

Parish Website: [www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk](http://www.tidenhamparishchurch.co.uk)

St Briavels & Hewelsfield website: [www.stbandhchurches.org.uk](http://www.stbandhchurches.org.uk)

Facebook Group: all welcome to join this private group:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/114300818701466/>

'The News' from the Diocese of Gloucester - <https://www.gloucester.anglican.org/news-events/>

Revd David Treharne, Vicar - 01291 760034 - dtrevd@aol.com

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